

Grandfather William Giles (Great), far as I have been able to discover never left as much as a scratch of a pen by way of his history. All I know is what his son Frederick wrote of him. So all we know of G.G. Grandfather William is what we glean from Frederick's short history.

Quite by accident I recently learned that William's son, Thomas Huskinson Giles kept some kind of journal. This I am informed is in possession of one of THG's descendants. The last address I had on him was Orem. As soon as I get the courage to travel the canyon I will attempt to make contact with Paul Carroll who is supposed to have the diary.

With these few typed sheets you will find Frederick's biography.

Not mentioned in Grandfathers' history, by himself, is an item telling of his homesteading a small tract of land astride the Provo River a quarter mile north of what we now call Casperville. There is now a very large painting hanging in Zion's Bank in Heber, South West corner room, West wall, by Mr. Eaton. The North East corner of Grandpa Frederick's homestead is where Mr. Eaton stood to paint his picture. I cannot remember ever having been told the size of the homestead. The Northeast corner of the plot is one half mile west of 1200 West and Sixt south.

Ralph F. Giles' Roots:

I am the fifth child of John Thomas Giles and Sarah Ann Roberts. I was born six May, 1906 in Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah.

John Thomas Giles was the second son of Frederick Giles and Mary Ann Moulton. He was born Nov. 10, 1862 in Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah.

Frederick Giles was the fourth son and seventh child of William Giles.

He was born ^{3 March 1835} ~~31 Dec., 1835~~ ^{Stoonly} in ~~Lowham~~, Nottingham, England.

William Giles was born 31 Dec. 1793 in Lowham, Nottingham, England

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Education and providing for the family.

My elementary education, beginners through sixth grades was received at the Central School--the old sand stone building which burned to the ground about 1920. At that time the six year olds began school in what was called BEGINNERS. After I had gone through beginners grade the decision was made to drop the beginners level. Then the students who could "cut" it were moved in September to the second grade which threw the kids with 1 year's schooling in with those who had gone through two years of school. The older children, I learned later, were incensed to have to 'move over' to accommodate the scrubs. A few of us were given a special promotion.

I attended Junior High, 7th and eighth in the former Pot Rock building since razed to make a City Park.

Grades 9 through 12 I did in the same building and graduated in 1924 in a class of 45 members.

I have repented many times that I did not somehow try to make it to collage. I enrolled in a post high school course designed to prepare me for a Railway Mail Clerk. I learned later that there were already so many subs that the idea was not worth pursuing.

I spent a fall and winter in Salt Lake County, living in a tent, learning the fur business. The bottom fell out of silver fox pelts and I was obliged to charge that to experience.

I went to work for the Heber Merc Co in Heber moving fro delivery boy to sales clerk assistant to Department Head to buyer for two departments.

From here I want to work for Heber Light and Power co. While here I took a correspondence course in Higher Accountancy from LaSalle Extension Univ. Chicago following which I accepted employment with Heber Motor Co, as accountant using the General Motors System. After three years the Board of education invited me to come to work for them as clerk of the board and financial accountant for the school distric.

I worked for 12 years in this position and concurrently for the Wasco Credit Union organized at first for employees and families of School employees in Wasatch School District. It later grew to include the districts of South Summitt, North Summitt and Park City.

I retired from the School District position in 1971 but continued with Wasco until 1978.

Salaries increased from \$78 per month at the rc to four figures at the last.

POLITICS

Since I was a young man I always felt that any member of the community should have an opportunity to serve the people of his community in some capacity. Consequently, I entered the Political Arena. Beginning at age 26 I served four years as a City Council members. Later I served two terms as Mayor of Heber City. Of interest to most would be the pay scale at the time. City Council members received \$15 per month. The Mayor received \$25 per month. During these years I chaired the Police Department, Library Board, Power Board and others. It was illegal to raise ones salary. It could be raised but could apply only for the benefit of whom ever was elected in the next election.

I felt there was a real need for the City to have a building where the Mayor and council could meet to transact buisness and invite interested parties to their meetings. The Fire trucks and equipment needed shelter. The roads needed resurfacing, the Water works improved. These were thewar years and to purchase needed materials a City must have a rating of A-10 . We could not purshase a brick or quantity of lumber or anything needed for the war effort.

We did purchase each month a \$500 war bond to be spent ~~XXX~~ after the war by some other administration.

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CHURCH SERVICE

From childhood I had been taught by word of mouth and by example that I should attend church on a regular basis. I did so and as a boy and young man was ordained to every office in the Aaronic Priesthood. At age 18 I was ordained an Elder and was called on a mission for the Church to the ?Western States Mission. I served from November, 1924 until February of 1927, for about a year as Secretary of the Mission.

Upon returning from my mission I was ordained a Seventy and set apart as one of the Presidents of the 96 Quorum. Befor my 25th birthday I was ordained a High Priest and set apart as first Counselor to Bishop Walter Montgomery to serve in the Heber Third Ward. Seven and a half later I was ordained to the office office of Bishop of the Heber Third Ward in Heber City where I served for seven and one half years.

Following my release I served for 2 years in the Stake Sunday School Superintendency. I had previously served in this same stake position as a member of the Board.

At age 41 I was ordained a Patriarh to Wasatch Stake of Zion. I am now serving in this capacity and have completed the 38th year.

I have served as High Priest leader and teacher twice; ateacher ineither Priestwood, Sunday School or MIA for 29 consecutive years .

I played M. Men basket ball for a number of years on a team that took Stake honors a number of times and went to region at least once.

I earned and received my M Man Master award. I sang with the Ward Choir from about 1930 to 1960 when ever there was one--which was most of the time.

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Marriage and family.

For about two years following my mission I had courted a young lady whose home was in Center Creek about five miles out of Heber. Her name was Mina C. Christensen. I had known her through High School and had dated during the summer befor graduation ln 1924. Following my mission I followed my pursuit with ser ious intentions.

During the spring and summer of 1929 I arranged to have a house built. I would need a cage for my little bird. Mina and I came to our future home about every day after our day's work examining each wall and ceiling as the construction progressed. The anticipation of having our own home was very great indeed.

Come December 4, 1924 we were married in the Salt Lake Temple and in a few days moved into our home. We had all new furniture and carpets; new Majestic coal rangs and circulating heater. I guess most marriages are happy. We both thought^s our^s was a little special.

Two of our children were born here. There was no hospital in Heber at the time. At this date (1986) we have completed 56 happy years together. We have 18 Grand Children and 11 great grandchildren:

The children are: Eileen Berg, born 1930; Married to Bernell Berg;

John Philip, 1934 Married to Jean Jorgansen;

Karen 1938 Married to Garvin Carlile and

Gwen 1943 Married to Paul Remund.

It might be argued that living in the same house for 56 years does not constitute progress but as I always contend, " If you are already there there is no use to travel".